



Left: City Hall in Schwäbisch Hall, Germany Right: Elizabeth Genova (Photos courtesy of Genova, Stembel)

Vance Scholarship Recipient to Study Abroad in Europe

By Katherine Stembel, Office of Publications and Media Relations Intern

Elizabeth Genova, a sophomore International Relations major at SJC and seven-year German student, was recently awarded the national Vance Scholarship to study in Europe this fall. To be considered for the Vance Scholarship, applicants must be full-time students who have completed their freshman semester with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale and must answer essay questions as well as provide two letters of recommendation. This is the second semester in a row that an SJC student has won a Vance Scholarship.

As a Vance Scholar, Genova was given \$1,000 to put toward the tuition of her program. She plans to study in Vienna for a full academic year, as well as participate in a month-long,

intensive, German language program at the world-renowned Goethe-Institut in Schwäbisch Hall, Germany. She will attend this program in September before her October courses begin in Vienna.

Genova believes the study abroad experiences in Germany and Austria will help her discover the subjects about which she is truly passionate. "Going abroad will give me a more rounded view of the world and hopefully allow me to be critical of what issues I feel are pressing. Also, this year will give me opportunities to see what changes I could facilitate through the law and international cooperation that could help improve overall quality of life. Everyone has a duty to self and community to create or uphold certain standards that all humans can benefit

from." She continued, "Businesses, governments, and everyday people depend on international cooperation, and I want to be a part of that important shift to beneficial

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world policies versus conflicting national interests and policies."

In Austria, Genova is planning to advance her knowledge and usage skills of the German language, as well as take advantage of the experience in a foreign nation with a rich history. She will be staying in a dorm in the heart of Vienna, and her roommate will either be a native

Austrian or a non-English speaking international student.

During her stay overseas, she also will have the chance to take weekend trips to Prague and visit the opera house and United Nations office, as well as travel throughout Europe at her own leisure for two months between semesters. "I am hoping to take in the Austrian culture and way of life to the fullest," said Genova. "After my time spent there, I want to communicate with ease to native German speakers, refine my diplomacy skills, and build a bond with international students and acquaintances."

Genova credits SJC with preparing her for this international opportunity. "Saint Joseph's College has presented me with the opportunity to study abroad with their (credit) agreement with Central College,"

she said. "Also, my Core classes have introduced me to some international values and mentalities from around the world. Perhaps most importantly, my language courses in German and French have kept me eager and sharp to practice, so I am prepared to communicate and be understood."

Professor Emeritus of History and German Fr. Dominic Gerlach, C.P.P.S., has taught Genova for the past two years. "Elizabeth is a unique student," he said. "She is very eager to learn and doesn't shy from hard work. She exhibits talent and is goal-oriented."

In the future, Genova hopes to attend law school and pursue a career in international law, perhaps working at an embassy in a German-speaking nation or for the United Nations.

CM Group Extends Aid to Halfway House

By Katherine Stembel, Office of Publications and Media Relations Intern

In early August, seven members of the SJC community volunteered at The Glenn at Saint Joseph's in Dayton, Ohio, a new facility designed to help single mothers, most of whom are attempting to escape abusive situations.

The large establishment, which includes furnished apartments for the families, infant and toddler care centers, plenty of security, and a full counseling staff, was slated to open August 24.

The members of SJC's Campus Ministry who participated in the mission trip

helped assemble tricycles, wagons, and cribs in addition to sorting and cataloging books for The Glenn's library.

"Every time I go on a service trip, I'm surprised at how much I end up being served more than those I went to help," said Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion Rob Reuter, C.P.P.S., who recently returned from an SJC Habitat for Humanity summer trip to Santiago, Chile.

"It was fulfilling to know that we did a small part to help those who, for whatever reason, are in much worse positions than most

of us at SJC are," Reuter continued. "The students said it was good to be reminded that there is life outside of classes and papers, and to be reminded that there are many people who have not had the same opportunities as a lot SJC students have had."

Another group, including several of the same members, attended another one-day mission trip to The Glenn on August 19 to help with the final setup before the building opens its doors to the public.

"I hope the students learned what a blessing they can be for others," said Reuter.

Help Soup Kitchen

By Jennifer Ruff, Staff Writer

Most likely everyone has seen the posters around campus describing the soup kitchen, held on Sunday, September 10. The group of volunteers drove to Calumet City, Illinois to serve the hungry.

In the three years that this soup kitchen mission has been held, SJC's Campus Ministry has fed over 500 families.

The mission work began when Brandon Deardorff '05, a freshman at the time, proposed

the idea. Although Deardorff helped organize the mission, he wasn't able to attend until his senior year at SJC.

The soup kitchen is a great opportunity to help others and feel good about it. "Students love doing it and believe it is important to help others," said Director of Campus Ministry and Program Coordinator Ary Nelson. "Also, it's not just about what we do for others, but also who and what we become by helping others."

If you missed the first soup kitchen opportunity but would like to help in the future, there are going to be two more throughout the school year, so enjoy helping others and make sure you volunteer.



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Participants took aim at SUB's Zapped Lazer Tag event. (Photo courtesy of Koscielny)

SJC Students "Zapped" by Fun

By Mike Koscielny, Staff Writer

The student body got a different and new opportunity to have fun on Wednesday, September 6 when the Student Union Board (SUB) hired The Smith Agency Inc. to bring Zapped Lazer Tag to the Halleck Center Ballroom.

"We heard of them through a flier they sent us," Missy Kiefer, junior business administration finance major and SUB president, said. "When [SUB] scheduled for this semester, we broke up the different ideas for entertainment into groups. The groups are usually comedians, magicians/mentalists/illusionists, novelties/speakers and bands."

She continued, "[Lazer Tag] seemed like something fun and different. This is the first time SUB has hosted a Lazer Tag event."

Music could be heard blaring from the Ballroom between the hours of 5 and 11 p.m. as the battling commenced. Two teams of four people each, green versus red, donned the required headset, vest pack and plastic gun for a 10-minute battle to see which

team could get the most "kills." The teams had to maneuver around obstacles as they shot each other with beams of light. The placement of the shots on the vests determined the number of "hits." The team that ended the battle with the greater number of "kills" was victorious.

There were consistently about a half a dozen participants throughout the six hour event.

"I think the highest score for the night was 131," Chris Lloyd, the Zapped Lazer Tag operator, said.

Even the students who were new to Zapped Lazer Tag still seemed to have a good time. Not only were some students laughing and having fun, but others got caught up in the moments, using some spectacular slides and cheap tricks to become victorious.

"It was a lot of fun," Dominic Williams, a senior biology-chemistry major, said. "But it was frustrating when people wore the headsets around their necks."

Being something new to campus and presumably really

fun, there was some buzz going around SJC before the event. Conversations could be overheard in line for the Cafeteria concerning the appeal of Zapped Lazer Tag.

"This is one of the first school events I've ever been to," Dane Brown, a senior environmental science major, said. "[My friends and I] have never played and it looked like a lot of fun."

Many students felt that this was a welcome change from the norm on campus.

"This was a lot better than some comedian or a game night," Mike Hrunek, a sophomore business management major, said.

Win or lose, the majority of the students who played had a lot of fun.

"We were definitely looking to bring them back next year, but we got such a great response from a lot of people that we may try and bring them back next semester," Kiefer said.

Watch the bulletin board outside of the Hub for more events sponsored by SUB.

Microsoft Windows XP Professional Controversy Among Students

By Elizabeth R. Hall, Staff Writer

There is a lot of tension around campus due to the sudden requirement for new and transfer students to use Windows XP Professional rather than Windows 98, Windows ME or Windows XP Home Edition. The main questions crossing everybody's lips are "why and what is the point?"

The situation has caused many headaches. The main complaint about this new requirement is the fact that some people began classes with assignments that required immediate access to the Internet, for example, Associate Professor of Political Science Peter Watkins' American Politics class.

According to the SJC Computer Center, the requirement for Windows XP Professional will better the SJC network. Students are required to run SJC's network virus scan, thereby saving themselves money that might have been spent on their own

antivirus software. In short, to avoid the constant system shut downs and computer problems in general, the Computer Center began requiring a specific program for Internet connection.

The Computer Center claims letters were sent and information was posted on the website. Still, the news came as a shock to many students who were upset by the lack of communication between students and the Computer Center.

"While I can understand the reasons behind the Computer Center changing the network requirements to Windows XP Professional, I cannot understand their lack of warning," said sophomore Erica Brown. "Before coming to campus, I received not one letter, e-mail or phone call telling me I would need the new product. This lack of warning has set me back financially, and I cannot understand a reason for no prior warning."

The high price of Windows XP Professional is the main reason for students' anger.

Purdue University's Ryan Middleton, Information Technology at Purdue (ITaP) Customer Service Representative, said that most students do not have Windows XP Professional due to its high cost. Personally, he says that he would frown upon this decision because of its expense.

Purdue University has a software store that offers programs like XP Professional at extremely lowered rates. Perhaps SJC could implement this kind of system so people can obtain the necessary software.

In the few weeks that school has been in session, there have been a lot of mixed emotions about the idea of requiring Windows XP Professional. However, now that all of the tension has begun to dissipate, students can commence classes and make those grades.

Professor on Cutting Edge of VoIP Technology

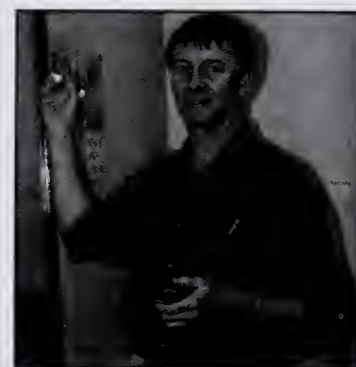
By Katherine Stembel, News Editor

Assistant Professor of Computer Science Brian Capouch of Monon, Indiana is helping to revolutionize the modern telephone system - and SJC students. Capouch was mentioned in the April 2006 issue of Forbes magazine regarding his involvement in the technologically innovative Voice over Internet Protocol, also known as VoIP, which uses the Internet or IP-based networks to make telephone calls. As a result, he is using his own expertise to further the knowledge of his computer science students, bringing them to the forefront of the industry.

"What I'm doing is important because it represents a sea change in communications," said Capouch. "The public telephone network as we know it, by most accounts, will wind up disappearing as a result of the VoIP revolution. Someday what we now think of as 'phone calls' will just be another application provided by the Internet, like e-mail or Web browsing."

Few argue that VoIP will transform the telephone communications industry. However, Capouch is unique because he believes the VoIP revolution will take place relatively quickly, within approximately five years, while others believe the change will not happen for 15-20 years.

Because he believes VoIP will become widely available and utilized shortly, Capouch already teaches a progressive VoIP class at SJC. There are even prospective plans to begin dealing with material relating to emerging areas of this technology, including the addition of video to "telephone calls" and the widespread replacement of wireless Internet



Professor Brian Capouch

hotspots to provide the services now accessible through cell phones.

"I have a little WiFi (wireless fidelity) phone that looks just like a cell phone, but instead of using cell towers, it uses hotspot Internet bandwidth," he said. "It's not ready for the public yet, but it's getting there. In areas where it's easy to get good wireless bandwidth - for example the parks in New York City - it's painless to make calls using this device. Other cities, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Seattle, for instance, are involved in projects to provide that kind of connectivity in the near future. It may soon be commonplace."

Capouch has even created a system in which his home motion detector telephones him - wherever he may be - when it distinguishes movement. Also, his network monitor automatically makes phone calls to keep him up to date on the status of his home network.

Soon, he believes many such things will be trivially possible to do, and through his participation in these types of breakthrough venues, Capouch will help bring SJC students to the "cutting edge of the cutting edge."

Upcoming Campus Events

- 9/15: 9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. Senior (Held in Core 11)
- 9/16: 9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. Ultra D Video Dance Party (Ballroom)
- 9/17: Intramural Fishing Derby (Lake Banet)
- 9/18: Deadling to sign up for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
- 9/22-24: Campus Ministry Chicago Camping Retreat
- 9/28: 5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Taste of Home Cooking Show (Halleck Ballroom)

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Can I Please Vote for Nader?

By George White, Staff Writer



Illinois is currently in the grips of a turbulent gubernatorial battle. Democratic incumbent Rod Blagojevich and Republican candidate Judy Barr Topinka are in a tight race for the Governor's Mansion, but who are they really?

Now, I know there are probably some reading this article, saying to themselves, "Why should I listen to this guy? He is the Chairman of the College Republicans. This is going to be nothing more than an ad for Topinka."

You might be thinking that, but the truth is I can't stand either of the candidates in this election, so I will be bashing them both in this article.

I will start with my own party's candidate. Judy Barr Topinka most recently served as the State Treasurer and the Chairman of the Illinois Republican party. Under her leadership, the Republican party in Illinois invited Alan Keyes to run for the position of United States Senator... which almost gave the seat to Barack Obama.

Unfortunately, her past history isn't the only detriment to Topinka's position. Her politics have alienated her from the majority of her party. Because she is in favor of both gay marriage and abortion, many conservatives have problems stomaching her as a valid candidate.

Blago (I am not typing out his name any more than I have to) on the other hand has almost as many problems. Over his past four years as Governor, Blago has been criticized by almost every group in Illinois. Whether it was by the Rifle Association for his seeming fixation on finding guns instead of stopping crime, or members of an Illinois anti-discrimination task force resigning after his appointment of a Nation of Islam member to the group, people on all sides seem to have some sort of problem with Blago.

As with other past Illinois Governors such as George Ryan (a horrible example of a George if I may say so myself), Blago has had his share of legal problems as well. The most recent of these was the announcement that United States Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald is investigating the Blago administration for "very serious allegations of endemic hiring fraud".

So who do I think you should vote for in the Illinois Gubernatorial election? Blago? Topinka? Well, I am not going to directly endorse either of them. Instead, I am going to leave you with a thought drawn from South Park. This election really comes down to nothing more than choosing which of two crappy options you want. Will it be the giant douche or the turd sandwich? Well, as Stan Marsh said, "I learned that I'd better get used to having to pick between a douche and a turd sandwich because it's usually the choice I'll have." So loyal readers, what is your choice?

Core 5...Why?

By BJ Houlding, Opinion Editor

Wow. That's frankly all I can say after our first few weeks of class. Is this seriously a class intended for Juniors in college? I'm embarrassed for all of us. Both the students and faculty should have higher expectations.

As 18-22 year olds paying nearly \$30,000 a year for education, one would expect us to have a modicum of intelligence. And yet, despite the fact the majority of the information we've been relayed was data I knew as a freshman in high school, I see my peers scribbling away fiercely in lecture. Do people truly not know the proper method of reading a thermometer? What the scientific method is? What a neutron is?

I don't know, perhaps my school system merely had a legendary science curriculum, but I doubt it. I'm guessing that would've come up at some point. I'm not saying I expect everyone to have gotten a 36 in the science section of the ACT (not that it was terribly difficult, seeing as no real science was involved, but that's a different story), but I am simply hoping that college bound

students will have a rudimentary knowledge of the world around them. True story, somebody in my class was unaware if there were any warm-blooded bugs. Now I also understand that some people are OCD note-takers regardless of whether they know the information or not. I have faith that most of us knew what a hurricane was before our lecture on it, and I'm not entirely convinced those who didn't should even be here. And sadly, students are only half the issue.

The curriculum is flawed, plain and simple. There is no need for a fifty minute lecture to pander to the one music major in the corner who didn't know what an atom is. Assuming pupil ignorance is just wasteful and spiteful on the part of the faculty. It is the duty of the college to give us a higher education. I didn't sign up for Core 5 expecting to sit through 8th grade general science for the second time. We all had that seven years ago, but thanks, really. Please, please, teach me something new.

Core is Saint Joseph's College's answer to the other

colleges' gen eds. Cores 1-4 are college level literature and history courses. 7&8 are high-grade sociology courses. 9&10 work as tough religion courses. So why are our science Cores prepared with middle schoolers in mind? Maybe we'll get to a point where there's knowledge I didn't arrive with, but until then, I, like the rest of my fellow Juniors, am blowing three credits.

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Dr Seely: Man of Many Talents

By Elizabeth R. Hall, Staff Writer

1.) What extent of college education do you have?

A: I have a PhD in psychology from the University of California, Davis.

2.) What are some of your hobbies?

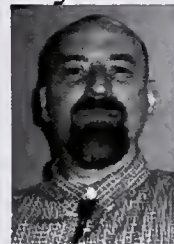
A: I would play my mandolin all day long if I could get away with it. Other hobbies include winemaking, bio-intensive organic gardening, and writing.

3.) What is your favorite food?

A: Pesto lasagna.

4.) What was your favorite subject in school?

A: In grade school, definitely recess.



But I also enjoyed anything to do with science.

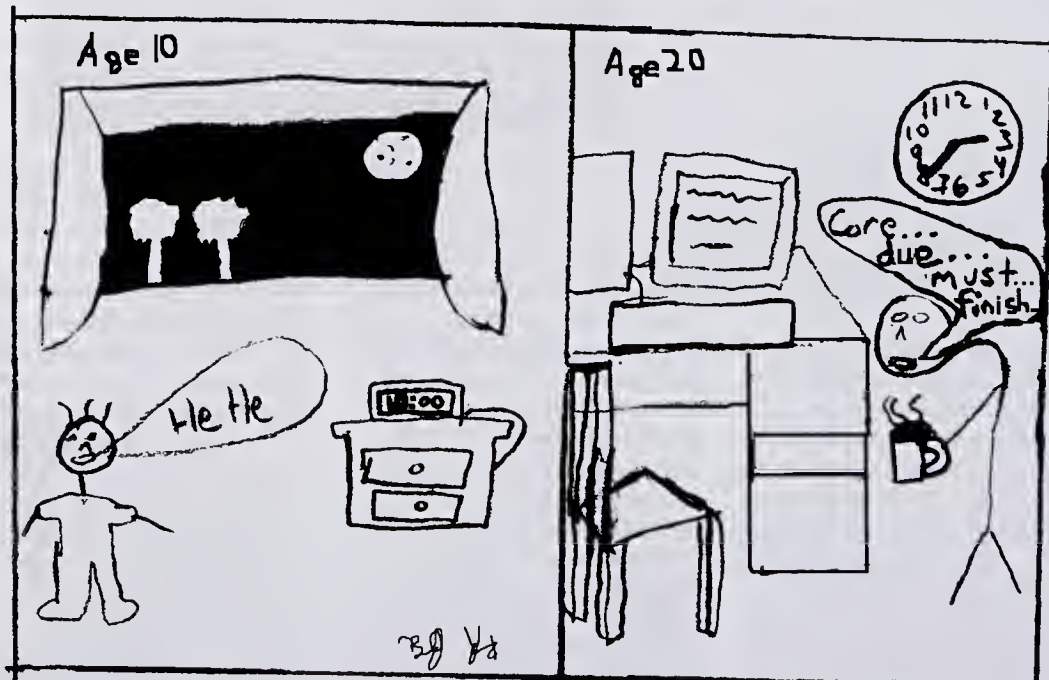
5.) What do you see in a good professor?

A: I'm not sure that there is any single set of characteristics that describes a good professor. There are certain essential qualities such as knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject matter, the ability to think on your feet, and an honest concern and respect for students as unique individuals. I think that last one is probably the most important.

6.) What was the funniest moment in your teaching career?

A: I was teaching a research methods class at Cal State about 10 years ago. I've always had an irritating habit of making really bad spontaneous puns during class. I was discussing a statistical term, the mean square, and I said something like "A mean square is not some guy with a pocket protector and an attitude." I got a few scattered chuckles from the class, but there was a student in the front row who couldn't stop giggling. And the rest of the class started laughing because she couldn't stop. I started laughing as well and well over five minutes went by before I was able to regain any sort of composure. But the next time I mentioned mean square, the whole process started all over again and I was eventually forced to end class early.

Then and Now: A Late Night



Spector Releases New Album

By Teresa Moreno, Staff Writer



Spektor is the only modern singer to successfully moonlight as a U-boat captain. Nobody has the heart to tell her that her side lost the war. (Photo courtesy of http://nylonmag.com/newsletter/03_08_05/img/regina.jpg)

Regina Spektor, the queen of anti-folk, had a lot of explaining to do after releasing “Better” and “Fidelity” as singles off her fourth album, *Begin to Hope*. Sounding more like cheesy adult alternative music rather than quirky, experimental, imaginative songs, these singles caused most fans to wonder if Spektor’s had become soft on her artistry because of her new home with Sire records. Despite these songs and an album title that sounds reminiscent of an after school special, the Moscow-born songstress proved that just because she’s signed to a major record label, she’s not about to bid adieu to her quirky idiosyncrasies and imaginative music.

The first thing an old Regina Spektor fan should realize is that there are going to be clear differences in the way this album sounds. Now that Spektor actually has access to a good recording studio, the sound quality is crisper and purer. With that in mind, the listener can hear that she has not strayed very far from her previous endearing qualities. This is shown in her choice to re-record “Sampson,” a song that appeared on her second album, *Songs*. Spektor makes a smart move by choosing simplicity over excessive instrumentation. She keeps her piano as the main instrument, adding only light strings in the background.

In “On the Radio,” Spektor mixes her piano with an electronic orchestra to help proclaim her adoration for *November Rain*. The pop-infused proclamation shows off Spektor’s untraditional writing style. The song “Lady” shows Spektor’s adoration for Billie Holiday in a melancholy jazz-influenced song. Showing off her versatile nature, Spektor’s voice glides easy and softly over her piano and saxophone accompaniment. “Hotel Song” brings out Spektor’s quirkiness further as she sings about her dreams of Orca whales, owls, and little bags

of cocaine. Spektor brings out one of the instruments she can play best, her voice. Manipulating her voice, she makes unusual noises. She scats, and beat boxes to help deliver her story, but this is only a precursor to the gem that follows on the album.

“Après Moi” is an all encompassing journey into the genius that is Regina Spektor. Using the French phrase “après moi le deluge” as the basis for the song, Spektor tells a harrowing story. “Be afraid of the lame they’ll inherit your legs / be afraid of the old they’ll inherit your souls / be afraid of the cold they’ll inherit your blood / après moi le deluge, after me comes the flood.” Spektor’s piano bangs out with furry as she sings. As her voice explodes with more urgency, a drum enters the scene pounding fiercely. Little by little, bells, voices, and strings step into the picture until they all burst into a forte of what sounds reminiscent of a Russian Anthem. Spektor’s voice soars above all of it as she continues to tell the story.

Despite the triumph of “Après Moi,” Spektor occasionally gets a little carried away. On the track “One Time,” Spektor tries a little too hard. With a heavy guitar rhythm that has little to no variation in it, Spektor sings about a string of things she used to do. “Hey remember that time when I would only smoke Camels? / Hey remember that time I was broke? I didn’t care I’d just bum from friends.” The lyrics, just like the song, are forced like a beautiful dress on the wrong body. This song does not show off any of Spektor’s endearing qualities.

Regardless of a few slipups on the album, it is obvious Spektor works in tandem with everything that is now at her disposal. She’s still zesty and bold, and it doesn’t appear that she’s ever going to shake her weird musical tendencies.

Spektor is currently on tour to support *Begin to Hope*.

Musical Scorecard:	Album Art: 7
Originality: 8	Lasting Appeal: 7.5
Lyrics: 7.5	Total: 7.5/10

Summer Movie Wrap-Up

By Gabriele Nichols, Staff Writer

The summer had lots of great movies. Here’s a quick review of three of the most memorable films that hit theaters over break:

Pirates of the Caribbean 2: Dead Man’s Chest

The first *Pirates* was the surprise success of the decade, a beloved blockbuster movie based on a theme park ride, albeit one of the greatest theme park rides ever. The second movie faced the impossible challenge of living up to the original’s achievements. Thankfully, *Dead Man’s Chest* manages to provide the perfect amount of adventure, spectacular imagery, and Johnny Depp-led comic relief to continue this enjoyable resurrection of the pirate genre. The movie is not without flaws. It’s excessively long and packs in way too many plot elements. In the end, however, this movie remains a enjoyable ride that, with the release of the third movie in the series, has the potential to be this generation’s Indiana Jones. 4 out of 5 stars

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

Though not a true sequel, *Talladega Nights* is still closely connected with 2004’s *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*. While this movie does not achieve *Anchorman*’s level of pure lunacy, *Talladega Nights* instead provides a much stronger narrative and effective parody of the sports film. The story follows the life of fictional NASCAR driver Ricky Bobby, played to



Nine out of ten women prefer effeminate pirates over other gender-confused stereotypes, like gay lumberjacks, transvestite ninjas, and straight interior decorators. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.deadmentellnotales.com/onlinetexts/potc/images/2depp2.jpg>)

hick perfection by Will Ferrell. Ricky faces every cliché of the celebrity biopic, including the rise from nothing to greatness and back to nothing, the struggle to recover, the evil nemesis, and even the (ultra) slow motion disasters. Everything is played for laughs, but thankfully the humor has fun with the stereotypes without becoming mean spirited. Even if the subject matter does not seem appealing, the movie is worth viewing for Sacha Baron Cohen’s performance alone. He plays the perfect rival for a southern NASCAR driver, a gay Frenchman with a ridiculous accent. 4 out of 5 stars

Clerks II

Being a devoted fan of Kevin Smith, I am extremely biased in my viewing of his films. However, I can objectively say that this movie is possibly the most offensive and the funniest film of the summer. Instead of the self-referential humor of such Smith films as *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*, *Clerks II* relies simply on absurd observations, geek obsessions, neurotic personalities, and classic smutty dialogue to create humor that can be appreciated by those who have yet to see even the first *Clerks*. Smith devotees will also find the film provides a truly touching finale, authentically showing the true depths of friendship and love while simultaneously defining the term “interspecies erotic.” For Fans: 5 out of 5 stars For Newcomers: 4.5 out of 5 stars

Henchmen and Evil Laughs

By Elizabeth Bessette, Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to be a super villain? Of course! Who hasn’t? *How to be a Villain* by Neil Zawacki holds all the answers for wannabes and hard core villains alike. It’s an entertaining read as well. This handy guide to villainy will teach even the most demure person how to be an evil super genius.

The book begins by welcoming you into the evil fold and gives a few helpful pointers. For example, it suggests that villains in training start out with smaller evil deeds, such as changing the moon’s orbit until you have the time and funds to realign the earth. If you’re not sure whether that path of evil is right for you, a simple quiz tests your qualifications. This book can also help you develop the truly important things needed to be an evil villain: picking an evil name, finding your slogan, and creating a jingle. Just think of a song about Baron Deathblade that strikes fear in to the souls of everything who is nice and good.

You will be able to choose the evil occupation that appeals to you the most. There are a wide array of careers available, including but not limited to the profession of a necromancer, mad



1950s Dad is one of many up and coming super villains. His powers include alcoholism and locking his kids in the closet when he leaves for three-day fishing trips. His weaknesses include child support payments and fingerprints left at the murder scenes of sixteen different hookers. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.markmcallister.com/TiawPhotos/BillPipes.jpg>)

scientist, black knight, criminal mastermind, or telemarketer. Once you have your occupation, you can get down to terrorizing the world. The book suggests finding a motive that suits you, then choosing your evil objective. Also, as every great villain knows, in order to get anything accomplished, you will need copious amounts of mindless henchmen to do your bidding. The truly difficult task is choosing the henchmen that are right for you. You have many

options to choose from, including the classic thug, mutant races, robot warriors, ninjas, alien life forms, demented clowns, winged monkeys, and English teachers. Eventually, if you follow all the steps in the book, you will be terrorizing the world with the best of the super villains. Your name will strike terror into the hearts of the heroes you have thwarted and the people they have failed to save. It worked for me, and can easily work for you.

College is a Waste of Time, Money, and Lots of Sperm

By Joe Larson, Co-Editor in Chief

Congratulations, freshmen, for making the worst decision of your young lives. By choosing to attend college, you have delayed by four years exciting career opportunities like hoboism and living in your parents' basement. Discussing the literary merits of *This Boy's Life* seems uninspired in comparison to stimulating pursuits like recycling aluminum cans and dead pigeons in exchange for nickels and spending the majority of your adult life rent-free in your mom and dad's subterranean fortress of virginity. A four-year degree does not necessarily exclude you from these career paths – in fact, majoring in philosophy practically guarantees them – but taking the academic high road puts you at a disadvantage when competing with your non-college-bound high school classmates, who didn't waste six figures and eight semesters exploring controversial issues like the struggle between individual rights and national security or the moral dilemma of how much to charge when selling poisoned turnips to the blind. Enlightenment thinking does little to make up for missed vocational opportunities, but at least you know that deadly roots go for \$2.60 a pound when being sold to the visually impaired.

Incoming freshmen are not entirely at fault for their foolish pursuit of higher education. Colleges and universities across the country use numerous recruiting tools to ensnare unsuspecting high school seniors, the most effective of which are misleading statistical data and naval ballistics deployed against passing minivans and SUVs. Half of all students on campus were stranded here when their preferred method of transportation was torpedoed along I-65. Those students who escape the wrath of inland submarines instead fall victim to

the number-based claims of various universities, such as "99.99 percent of graduates attain jobs in their field of study" and "less than two percent of all student transfers are directly related to giant spiders." These statistics hide the fact that the field of study for a business major covers every conceivable method of employment, including welfare queen and bridge-dwelling troll. The numbers are also conspicuously silent on the percentage of students who flee for reasons pertaining to mid-sized spiders, a class of arachnids no larger than an average elk. Even if you believe the numbers provided by most universities, you can't help but wonder about the one guy who didn't get a job corresponding to his field of study. In hindsight, perhaps it wasn't the best idea to major in artistic expression through goat placenta with a minor in accounting.

The \$100,000 most students blow on tuition could be better spent in countless other ways, like paying half of the RIAA fine for pirating one song. If you'd like to get more for your money than the first thirty seconds of "Backstreet's Back," you could pursue the more pragmatic alternative of buying two Hummers and then setting them on fire. While expensive, this approach exhausts your college fund quickly and frees up the next four years for use in the workforce. College is basically a job that pays negative \$25,000 a year, which is why it makes exponentially more sense to drop out of school and get a job gutting feral pigs for eighteen cents an hour. After four years, you'll break even rather than being in debt, and you'll have useful skills applicable in convergent industries, like the recently merged fields of fish gutting and telecommunications. The first cell phone powered by

carp entrails is only a few years away.

Many institutions of higher learning claim those who fall victim to their educational schemes will get better jobs with higher pay, but these are the same institutions that allow students to major in social work. That's like offering a degree in being poor.

Even the most diehard of educational zealots must recognize that they're paying excessive amounts of money for instruction by the sort of people you wouldn't let into your house without the intervention of delousing powder and possibly a fire hose. Most professors are either burned-out hippies or hippies still in the process of burning out, although the political alignment of faculty members has little to do with overt bias but much to do with the fact that most conservatives are already in the workforce gutting feral pigs. By definition, a professor is someone who isn't smart enough to graduate, although the politically correct terminology is "ongoing education" in the same sense that bed-wetting is "creative urine distribution." These professors will encourage you to cultivate your own opinions, much like cigarette smoke encourages you to cultivate lung cancer. You won't recognize the ill effects of this false sense of intellectual security until you find yourself chained to a tree, proclaiming that all world currencies should be abolished in favor of a barter system centered around corn chips. To avoid such scenarios, never trust anyone who graduated college before the invention of the Internet. Instead, pursue your own path to academic enlightenment. Reading books and discussing other viewpoints



The era of free love began with the hippie van. It ended with the hippie concentration camp. (Photo courtesy of <http://i20.photobucket.com/albums/b202/xsweetrevenge/hippieVan.jpg>)

may be the traditional way to expand your horizons, but you could widen your perspective just as much by sniffing paint fumes and watching *Wheel of Fortune*.

College does provide a few advantages in terms of human interaction, but any benefits derived from the presence of other students are quickly undone by negative virtues like sharing personal possessions and using fire extinguishers as battering rams. If that kid didn't want you to smash through his dorm room door and left femur, he should have asked before he took one of your tissues. The main reason to drop out of college and enter the workforce is that college girls dig creepy townie guys who smell like "success," which is a polite way of saying "the pig gutting factory." It's hard to resist a man whose only ambitions in life include exacting revenge on the weatherman and not bathing. Somebody has to hold the meteorologist responsible when he misses the dew point by half a degree. Upon leaving college, be sure to keep your university-related website accounts active since poor personal hygiene and senseless murder can't do all the work for you when it comes to seducing educated women. There are two approaches townies use when hitting on college girls, and one is more effective than the other. Wrong:

"Did you enjoy your summer vacation?" Right: "I often look at your Facebook picture while dry humping a pillow." Note the subtle difference between the two approaches. The first one is phrased in the form of a question.

The few lessons that can be gleaned from four years of college can be taught in less than a paragraph at half the cost of a full degree. First

and foremost, never hesitate to fear those different from yourself. Anyone ignorant enough to disagree with you is most likely diseased and possibly armed. Never engage in open discussion when a preemptive strike will do. Second, never be afraid to contradict yourself. You're not a hypocrite; you're just exploring both sides of the issue. It might not seem like you can be pro-life and pro-choice at the same time, but anything is possible if you yell loud enough and advocate sending all babies to live on a reservation in space. Third, never use your real name. Professors can't fail you if they don't know who you are. This lesson can be applied in the real world to get out of everything from jury duty to marriage licenses. Finally, drop out of college. Anyone who exceeds a sixth-grade education is just showing off. By the time you learn your multiplication tables, you're already too educated to function in civil society. Keep these lessons in mind, and you'll be the most educated man at the pig gutting factory. You owe me \$50,000.

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House, M.D. Proves Sarcasm is the Best Medicine

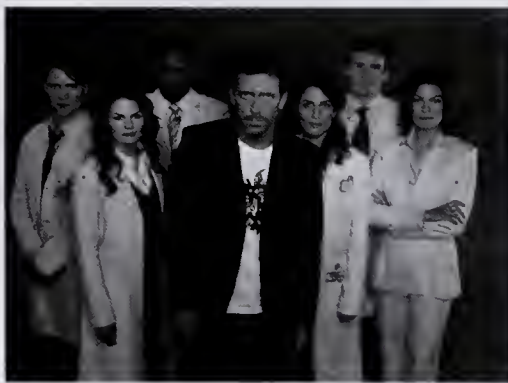
By Roger "Jelly" Spitler, Staff Writer

"I've noticed, how all the self-sacrificing women in history, Joan of Arc, Mother Teresa... can't think of any others, they all die alone? The men, on the other hand, get so much fuzz it's crazy." *House, M.D.* has just begun its third season as FOX's hit Tuesday night show. Dr. Gregory House (Hugh Laurie), referred to just as "House," is full of quips and one-liners such as this. Usually doctor dramas are serious and intense shows, but these quips add a sarcastic humor to the show, giving *House, M.D.* a lighter attitude and feel than the usual doctor drama.

Each episode of *House, M.D.* presents one impossible case that House, as a top doctor in the field of diagnostic medicine, must cure. House gets the cases no other doctor in the hospital can figure out. He rarely works in the clinic, even though required to. He is all about solving the puzzle

and that is all he strives for. House rarely visits the patient he treats, however. Some think that this due to the fact that House is crippled. He had a clot in his leg, causing him to experience muscle death in his thigh – an affliction that's called an infarction. Now he walks with a cane and takes full advantage of it whenever possible.

House is fond of saying "everybody lies" because he can learn more from looking at test results than wasting his time talking to a patient. In season two, Foreman's dad sums up House the best: "He's a manipulative son of a bitch, but he's the best doctor I have ever worked for." House is manipulative, mean, miserable, and constantly bends and breaks rules or procedures to



The elite staff of Princeton-Plainsboro Teaching Hospital takes a three minute break for the purposes of its annual group portrait. Forty-nine patients die before they get back to work. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.lisacuddy.com/House%20cast%20season%202%20promoB%20SMALLER1.jpg>)

do what he deems necessary – but he's still one of the best doctor's in the country.

House is accompanied by a team of doctors, whom House has no problems discriminating against, putting down, or yelling at. "So what's your plan? You

take the big dark one, I'll take the little girl, and the Aussie will run like a scared wombat if things get tough." House once said. The big dark one is Dr. Foreman (Omar Epps), a neurologist. He comes forward in the later seasons as the head of the team under House. He is usually not afraid to fight and argue with House. Dr. Cameron (Jennifer Morrison) is the little girl and allergy expert. She is a goody goody who always wants to do the right thing.

Constant sexual phrases come out as House deals with her due to her attractive physical appearance. House often criticizes her "over-the-top niceness" and strong moral compass. The scared Aussie is Dr. Chase (Jesse Spencer).

Chase is an intensive care specialist. House likes Chase the least, as Chase fed information to House's nemesis and the hospital's new owner, Edward Vogler (Chi McBride). Chase is a butt kisser and rarely comes up with his own thoughts. He is afraid to take on House directly like Foreman or Cameron. House receives five out of five jellies.

On one final note, the TV world lost a great host this past week. Steve Irwin, also known as "The Crocodile Hunter" was killed. He was stabbed in the chest by a stingray. A moment of silence for this beloved star would be appropriate, but House would say, "I'm a little busy - gettin' my drink on." Take House's advice as loyal SJC students and have a drink for the Crocodile Hunter tonight, a tribute to this great man's TV legacy. He will be missed by all.

Ashley Moore Can Run

By Jennifer Hensley, Staff Writer

Over the hills and through the woods the Cross Country team will run; at least the woods part. It's that time of the year again for us to see those crazy people out their running at all times it seems. Yes, that's right, it's the SJC Cross Country team! And the team is on their way to a great 2006 session. "I think we will have a pretty good season this year," Ashley Moore stated. "We have a lot of potential we just have to work hard." As far as practices goes, Ashley said,



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"Each day is a different type of running. Some days are fast repeats of a certain distance (400's, 800's, miles) with a jog in between. Other days are moderate days when we run hard for 6-8 miles." But not all of it is hard. Ashley loves the close knit family feelings she gets from her team. "I love my teammates and I know that pain is worth what we want to accomplish." So make sure you keep up that family feeling here on campus and go out and cheer on our Cross Country Team! GO PUMAS!!

Puma Football Ready to Rumble

By Andrew Costello, Sports Editor

Ok, let's be honest. When you looked at the calendar and realized that it was August 19th and you were headed back to Rensselaer, there were probably some mixed emotions going on inside your head. You were probably worried about classes, making new friends, and more importantly, finding something to do in this town without getting chased by the John Deere security wagon or dudes in undercover cop costumes. Just when you thought all hope was gone for having a great time, college football was on its way.

The 2006 Saint Joseph's College football team is back to improve on its 7-4 record from last season and seriously contend for the newly-fashioned Great Lakes Football Conference title and a NCAA Division II playoff berth. This year's team features great veteran leadership under senior captains Cory Sanders, Marcus Wagner, and Ethan Tyler, as well as junior captain and D-2 Preseason All-American Anthony Lindsey. Head Coach Lou Esposito is returning with a familiar cast to help the Pumas impress their critics.

Offensively, the Pumas look to have a more complete and balanced offense. "We have many multiple weapons all over the offense this year. If one thing isn't working, we can go to the other (pass versus run)," says an optimistic Lindsay, who has started at quarterback for the Pumas since his freshman year in 2004.

In years past the team strategy featured compensating a rather weak running attack (2.6 yd/carry in '05) with a heavy aerial attack that saw Lindsey hitting targets Dan Paulsen, Austin Capi, Julius Taylor, and transfer Lonnie Hurst. Paulsen is the SJC leader in career touchdown passes (16) while Capi, Taylor, and Hurst look to puzzle and overcome any coverage strategy. With a new balanced attack the Pumas will surprise their opponents and fully expose their heavy artillery. Redshirt junior Greg Ford looks to emerge once again as the go-to running back and sophomores Antoine Wilson and Garrett Ashbrook will compete for carries as well. Senior Captain Marcus Wagner, a Preseason All-Independent Team selection, looks to guide an established offensive line to protect the quarterback and set up plays.

On the defense, the Pumas return several starters from last year's defense that made big plays in practically every game. Strong safeties Fred Blanton and Cory Sanders, free safety Corrie Gregory, and Lance Burns and Honorable Mention All-American junior DeQwan Young look to keep any opposing offense at a minimum. Senior captain Ethan Tyler, one of a handful of four-year starters for the Puma squad, leads a solid core of linebackers including Payne Schoen and Rob Perricone.

"It feels good being the captain of my fellow teammates. I believe that this is the year we will make it happen," says a resilient Tyler.

The Puma defense will definitely be tested this season, as the Pumas face three Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foes in Indianapolis, Wayne State, and, most notably, Grand Valley State, the defending Division II national champion. The Pumas have

suffered in the past to GLIAC foes, but Cory Sanders feels that this year is different.

"We have an older, experienced defense that returns 9 starters from a year ago and have 6 starting seniors with 5 juniors," says a determined Sanders. "We know what it takes to win. Now there are no more excuses about us being too young; we have the experience and should do well as a defensive unit this year."

The Preseason All-American honors and other accolades bestowed upon the Pumas so far has not made them complacent by any means. Rather, they are even more motivated to prove that this school of roughly 1000 students can contend with the big boys.

"I feel good about being a pre-season All-American. I'm trying to stay as humble as I can," says DeQwan Young, a native of Pontiac, Michigan. "I don't think of it too much because the real work is proving that I deserve it week in and week out. I'm not trying to live up to the hype too much; I'm just out there trying to make plays to help my team win. I do what I'm told by my coaches and I just play."

So far, the Pumas have fared well against their opponents, starting the season 2-0, their best start since 1987. The Pumas avenged a 7-10 loss to St. Francis (IL), shutting out the Fighting Saints 37-0 on Sept. 2nd. This past weekend, the Pumas rolled into the Motor City and shut down the Wayne State Warriors 17-10. The real test comes when the Pumas host the Grand Valley State Lakers this Saturday at high noon.

The Pumas' hard work and determination have definitely earned them the respect of their head coach, Lou Esposito.

"Well, let's just say I am very excited about this year. With the great amount of talent and experience we have coming back for us, not only are the coaches excited, but the guys on the team are excited and know that we are capable of accomplishing great things this year. Everyone is comfortable with the new strategies, and I think that will translate into success on the field. We mean business."

Football statistics courtesy of Clark Teuscher.



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2006 FOOTBALL

9/2 St. Francis (IL.)	W 37-0
9/9 Wayne State	W 17-10
9/16 GVSU	12:00PM
9/23 Indianapolis	6:00PM
9/30 UM-Rolla	6:30PM
10/7 Valparaiso	12:00PM
10/14 Lincoln (MO)	1:00PM
10/21 K. Wesleyan	12:00PM
10/28 Fairmont St.	12:00PM
11/4 Central St.	1:30PM
11/11 Tiffin	12:00PM



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Soccer Teams Trucking Through Season

By Mike Koscielny, Staff Writer

On most days, one can hear the sounds of cleats connecting with soccer balls coming from across Sparling Street. It is Saint Joseph's College Men's and Women's soccer teams working diligently to prepare for their next opponents. With over a month left in the regular season, both teams have some aspirations set for themselves and the team.

"I expect us to overcome the fact that the Grand Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) rated us 10 out of 12 for the season," Kristen Dolmetsch, a senior midfielder for the Pumas, said. "And [I expect] to prove to everyone that we belong in the top five."

The Men's team has some equally important goals for the season.

"The main goal for our team this year is to qualify for the conference tournament, which would be a first for me," John Grigorakis, a fourth-year midfielder, said.

Unfortunately, both the Men's and Women's teams have had less than desired starts to their seasons. The Men's team has started their season 1-4-1, being 0-3 in the GLVC, while the Women are still winless six games into the season. As much of a morale killer as that seems, the women are still positive.

"So far this season, I've watched the team give every little bit that they have at every practice, and I couldn't be more proud," Jenna Mullins, a senior defensive player, said.

Both the Men's and Women's teams have plenty of time to turn their respective seasons around. Be sure to go and support Puma soccer. Their next home match is scheduled for September 22 against Southern Indiana. The men play at 5:00 p.m. and the women at 7:30 p.m.



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Volleyball Season Begins

By Mike Schmitt, Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's College Volleyball Team opened their first home game on September 8th. Despite a rocky start, the volleyball team is still staying on solid ground. There are two freshmen that have joined the volleyball team this year and they have been good additions to the team according to senior Ashley Adams. Ashley Adams also added that she feels that the Saint Joseph volleyball team "will be a major competitor in our conference this year." Ashley added that "During the time between the second and third match fans can win prizes." Other activities that the volleyball team will be doing in the future are outreaching to the community and letting children meet the players on the volleyball team. Ashley finally asked that more people should come to the volleyball games because "Having the large, loud crowds not only frustrates the opposing team, but it boosts our energy as well."

2006 VOLLEYBALL

Sept 15 SIU Edwardsville 7 pm
Sept 16 Southern Indiana 3 pm
Sept 19 Indianapolis 7:30 pm
Sept 22 Bellarmine 7 pm
Sept 23 Northern Kentucky 2 pm
Sept 29 Lewis 7 pm
Sept 30 Wisconsin-Parkside 3 pm
Oct 6 Drury 7 pm
Oct 7 Rockhurst 2 pm
Oct 10 Wisconsin-Parkside 7 pm
Oct 14 Kentucky Wesleyan 3 pm
Oct 17 Indianapolis 7 pm
Oct 19 Illinois Tech 7 pm
Oct 21 Marian 3 pm
Oct 27 Quincy 7 pm
Oct 28 Missouri-St. Louis 3 pm

2006 CROSS COUNTRY
Aug 26 Puma Invitational 10:00 am (1st)
Sept 8 Valparaiso Crusader Invitational 5:00 pm (6th)
Sept 15 National Catholic Invitational - Notre Dame 4:15 pm
Sept 30 Greater Louisville Classic 10:15 am
Oct 6 Benedictine (Ill.) Eagle Invitational 3:30 pm
Oct 21 GLVC Championships - SIU Edwardsville 11:00 am
Nov 4 Great Lakes Regional Championships - Wisconsin-Parkside 11:30 am

Basketball Teams Demonstrate Community Service

By Clark Teuscher, Sports Information Director

The Saint Joseph's College men's and women's basketball programs will be hosting the Puma Pride Basketball League for the third time this fall at Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse. The league, which will be held Sept. 10, 17, 24 and Oct. 1, is for boys and girls in grades K-8. It will run from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. each night. Teams will play two games in a session each week, with the exception of Sept. 10, which will consist of one practice and one game. The league will be staffed by SJC men's and women's basketball players and coaches, with teams grouped together by age and ability level. Shorter goals will be used for younger players. The entry fee for the league is \$50, with a 10 percent discount for returning players from last year's league. Each player will receive a jersey, which may be presented for free admission to SJC home games.

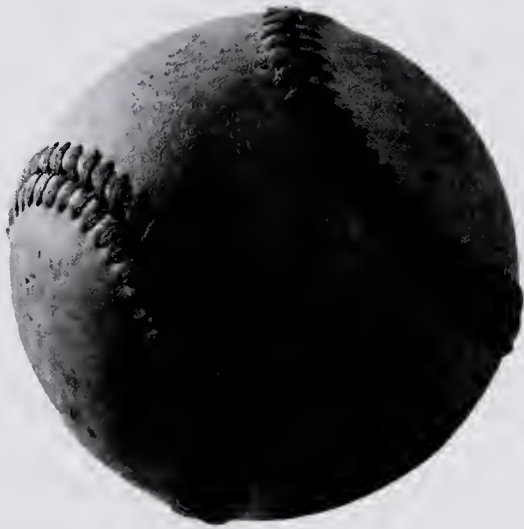
Chase's Playoff Predictions

By Chase Sonen, *Staff Writer*

Let me start off by informing anyone reading this that these are my predictions of what will happen in this years playoffs. With that said, Cubs fans should stop reading now because they have been out of the playoff picture since Spring Training started back in March. Now that we got that out of the way, I would like to talk about the crazy wild card chase that we are witnessing in the American and National Leagues at this very moment. As of this past weekend, the White Sox trailed the Twins by a slim margin. This could lead to one of the best playoff pushes in recent history with the defending champs fighting against a pesky, young team from Minnesota. Not to be out done, the National League has quite a race as well. The battle for first place in the National League "Worst" as I like to call it is between the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres who are practically dead-locked in the division standings. San Diego also is leading the wild card by a slim margin over the Phillies despite Ryan Howard hitting like home runs in almost every game. But let's take a ride to the future and skip to the end of the season to see how I feel things will play out.

NL playoff match ups:

NL East winner-New York Mets vs. Wild Card winner-San Diego Padres: New York is the one "good" team in the National League and



should not have much of a problem beating a team who lacks the fire power in the lineup needed to beat a team like the Mets. **Prediction: Mets in 4**

NL Central winner-St. Louis Cardinals vs. NL West winner-LA Dodgers: Here is a case of two teams that would have no shot of making the playoffs had they played in the American League, yet thanks to the fact they play in the National League they have a chance to get to the World Series. St. Louis may have the MVP of the league on their side and because of that I give them the edge. **Prediction: Cardinals in 5**

National League Championship-New York Mets vs. St. Louis Cardinals: I'll make this short and sweet. The Mets have a guy in their bullpen that throws around 100 mph left handed; the Cardinals have Jason Isringhausen; advantage Mets. **Prediction: Mets in 6**

AL playoff match ups

NL Central winner-Detroit Tigers vs. NL West winner-Oakland A's: Congrats, you're Detroit and make the playoffs after scraping the bottom of the division for years. Now you have to face one of the hottest teams after the All-Star break. This series will be a battle. But does Oakland have enough offense? **Prediction: Tigers in 5**

AL East winner-New York Yankees vs. AL Wild Card winner-Chicago White Sox: The defending champs open against a Yankee team that owned them this season, winning 4 of 6. However this is the playoffs and there is something about the White Sox and the playoffs after their run last year that makes them hard to go against...Especially with A-Rod more prone to make a big error at any moment to hit a big home run. **Prediction White Sox in 5**

American League Championship-Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox:

Last years AL Central champs vs. this years AL Central champs. The Tigers remind me of the White Sox last season, a team built on pitching and timely hitting. The White Sox need their starters to go deep in the game to have a chance in this series, and hope that the big boppers (Thome, Dye, Konerko) can carry them as they have all season. Bottom line, the White Sox have been here before, the Tigers

are new to this; the White Sox won 11 of 16 match-ups this year; to me that means something. Advantage White Sox

Prediction: White Sox in 6

World Series Championship-New York Mets vs. Chicago White Sox:

Two teams with loaded line-ups make for maybe one of the more anticipated World Series match ups in recent history. The White Sox have great batting, decent pitching, and a team chemistry that is very tough to rival. In the same breath, the Mets are a team that is having fun just playing baseball, as it is only a matter of days before they clinch their division and a playoff berth. However, the White Sox seem to be putting things together down the stretch, and have the experience of a victorious postseason just under a year ago. With everything added up, plus the fact that the White Sox have home field advantage in the World Series do to the All Star game, you gotta; love the chance to repeat.

Prediction: White Sox in 7

2006 WOMEN'S GOLF
Aug 26 Tri-State Invitational (Zollner GC - Angola, Ind.) (11th)
Sept 2-03 Ferris State Invitational (Katke GC - Big Rapids, Mich.) (16th)
Sept 8 SJC Invitational (Curtis Creek CC - Home.) 9 am
Sept 30-01 Wisconsin-Stevens Point Invitational (Stevens Point CC - Stevens Point, Wis.) 10:00 am
Apr 9-11 GLVC Championships (Timbergate GC - Edinburgh, Ind.) T.B.A.

Women's Golf Takes Fifth In Home Tourney

By Clark Teuscher, *Sports Information Director*

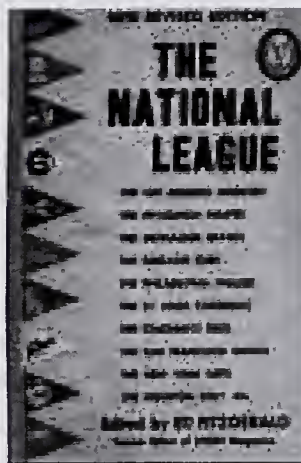
The Saint Joseph's College women's golf team hosted its only home tournament of the fall season Friday, placing fifth in the five-team SJC Invitational at Sandy Pines Golf Course. The Lady Pumas' 18-hole team total of 385 was 45 strokes off the pace of first-place Rend Lake Community College. Rend Lake's Angela Dehning took home medalist honors, carding a 78. SJC was paced by Nicole LeRose (Fr., Highland, IN), who placed sixth overall with a round of 88. Maggie Hobbs (So., Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis) finished with 94 to take 12th place, while Katy Rasco (Jr., Oakland City, IN/Wood Memorial) was 23rd with 100 and Kate Korn (Sr., Mooresville, IN) was 25th with 103. SJC closes out the fall schedule Sept. 30-Oct. 1, when they participate in the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Invitational.



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Men's Golf Takes Fifth

By Clark Teuscher, *Sports Information Director*

The Saint Joseph's College men's golf team opened the 2006-07 season Tuesday, tying for fifth place out of 10 teams at the University of Indianapolis Invitational. The event was held at Heartland Crossing Golf Course. The host Greyhounds scorched the course with a 10 under-par team total of 278 to win the tournament, finishing 14 strokes ahead of second-place Marian College. SJC's total of 309 tied it with Franklin College for fifth place. Matt Springer (Sr., Gary, IN/Andrean) was SJC's top finisher, placing 12th with a total of 74. Also competing for the Pumas were Dane Brown (Sr., Valparaiso, IN), who finished 21st with 76, Mike Hrunek (So., Valparaiso, IN), 40th with 79, Eddy Sheptak (So., Valparaiso, IN), 46th with 80, and Travis Ranegar (Fr., Valparaiso, IN), 69th with 85. SJC also had four golfers competing in the tournament as individuals. Matt Henley (So., Rossville, IN) paced that contingent, carding a 78 to place 34th, while Donny Light (So., Crown Point, IN) was 73rd with 86, Thomas Durr (So., Attica, IN) was 75th with 88 and Luke Krizek (So., Crown Point, IN/Boone Grove) was 77th with 89.

Fall Ball In Full Swing

By Tyler Stouder, *Staff Writer*

The school year is back in session and that means so are the many fall sports competing hard for National Championships, or GLVC titles. But another team is working hard, preparing themselves for their upcoming season which begins in spring. Head Coach Rick O'Dette has the Puma baseball team hard at work since the second week of school. The team is out on the field just about everyday learning plays, running, throwing, hitting or even playing in one of their many fall games. The objective of "fall ball" is to mold the new players with the old, to work out any major kinks before the season, and to learn the game of baseball the Puma way.

The Pumas are coming off a 33-23 season last year, and are looking for improvement for this upcoming season. Senior pitcher Matt Endeke commented on the season last year, "It was a disappointment for what our expectations were, however many teams would have love to be in our position."

SJC is trying to do just that this year bringing in many top junior college and high school prospects, along with a solid core of guys from last years team. Goals of winning the conference tournament and a regional are very reachable this year according to Enderle. He also provided an outlook of the upcoming season, "We have depth in every position, from pitcher to outfielder, and with all the newcomers and the returning players we also gain experience which is a necessity as the season progresses. The only thing missing is that ring on our finger."

The Pumas next fall games are September 23 at 9 am against Oakton and then again at 3pm against Lincoln Land.

2006 MEN'S GOLF

Sept 5 Indianapolis Invitational (Heartland Crossing GC - Camby, Ind.) (5th)
Sept 11 SJC Invitational (Sandy Pines GC - Demotte, IN) (2nd)
Sept 16-17 Ferris State Invitational (Katke GC - Big Rapids, Mich.) T.B.A.
Sept 24-25 Regional Qualifier (Hawkshead GC - Hawkshead, Mich.) 8:30 am
Oct 9-10 Missouri-St. Louis Riverman Invitational (WingHaven CC - OFallon, Mo.) T.B.A.
Apr 9-11 GLVC Championships (Otter Creek GC - Columbus, Ind.) T.B.A.



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Sex and the City Real World

Popular Dissent with Danny Waclaw

Vuitton clutches, luxurious Soho day spas, dinner at Twenty-One...and meaningful conversation?

It must be engineered in our sweatpants-wearing, Cheetos-eating, quotidian lives that luxury and wit are entirely unnecessary extras in which our East Coast neighbors indulge simply because they can. And this makes sense, through the lens of practical, paycheck-to-paycheck Americans. When faced with fast-paced love-them-or-leave-them sexual politics, outrageous designer fashions, and sundry sexual adventures (and misadventures), *Sex and the City* seems to be just another example of American Decadence.

Fortunately, this is not the case. On a purely superficial level, one can watch any episode and immediately be able to relate. For instance, in the fourth season, Carrie dates a jazz musician who is completely different from anyone else she's ever dated; he's arty, incredibly quirky, and just a tad obsessive-compulsive. Unfortunately, she can't get Aidan or Big out of her head while she's attempting to get her new lover to settle down a little. This leads Carrie to consider the possibility that past relationships are the only things by which people judge new ones, a line of thought that occurs to anyone with dating history.

The secret of the show's success,

however, is in its characters. Here are four independent, successful, clever, and sexy women who, for some reason, are constantly searching for something: comfort, adventure, meaning, identity.

To be honest, it all begins with Miranda. Here we have an in-your-



Charlotte, Samantha, Miranda, and Carrie take Manhattan.
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face, Harvard alumna whose law career is constantly soaring to new heights, and yet time and time again, she's let down by the seemingly endless number of single losers in Manhattan. The great thing about Miranda, however, is that she's unwilling to compromise. Life's an individual sport to her, and independence is the ultimate key to happiness.

From Miranda, one may take a slight detour to Samantha, the queen of all things sexual. It's easy to pass Samantha off as a twenty-four-hour party girl, but it's not so

easy to pass her off as stupid; she's got brains, balls, and she knows what she wants. If there's one thing everyone can relate to with Samantha, it's that deep desire to make the most of what you've got—all you've got, that is.

Charlotte may seem like an abrupt change from the overtly sexual Samantha, but they both want the same thing: ultimate comfort. (Samantha just happened to take that to a different level.) Charlotte prizes intelligence and grace above all, but that doesn't mean she's averse to sex; she just doesn't like to share her experiences. Everyone has a secret Charlotte: that little voice that says, "Wouldn't it be nice if..."

And then there's Carrie. Neurotic, idiosyncrasy-ridden, romantically hopeless Carrie. It's no secret that her crazy fantasies and self-fulfilling prophecies make her the most interesting character. She's got style, intellect, wit, and gentility, but the viewer focuses in on that identity crisis that comes back again and again.

It's not, then, the glamorous lifestyle that keeps the shameless SATC viewer glued to the screen; it's the individuality, the four pieces that make up every facet of the modern dater's experience. And if these four pieces happen to be drinking \$20 martinis gilded in Dior at the opening of some amazing nightclub, well, as Carrie would say, "That's just fabulous."

On the Town

Wilco at Purdue

- What? *Jeff Tweedy and his Chicago-based band perform at Purdue University.*
- When? *7:30 PM EST on Wednesday, October 4, 2006.*
- Where? *Elliott Hall of Music at Purdue at 712 3rd Street in West Lafayette.*
- Tickets are \$28.50 from Ticketmaster.com.

Danny Weiss Jazz Quartet

- What? *Great local jazz and a dollar off all martinis.*
- When? *9 PM to midnight EST on all Wednesdays in downtown Lafayette.*
- Where? *The Knickerbocker Saloon at 115 North 5th Street in Lafayette.*
- No cover charge!

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to dwj5079@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

The four Fs: fight, flight, feeding, and sex.

Is that a keg in your pocket? 'Cause I'd love to tap that!

Poor little Archimedes. He lived his theory.

Person 1: I wonder who came up with birthstones.

Person 2: Probably jewelers.

Person 3: Yeah, *your* people!

Person 4: Jewelers, dear, not Jews!

I need to pump iron to be stronger than my ten-year-old sister.

A bad day of anything is better than a good day at school.

These are from the '70s and '80s—the golden age of pornography!

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for Sept. 15 - 21
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Gridiron Gang

Fri: 4:30, 6:50, 9:10 (PG-13)
Sat: 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
Sun: 4:30, 6:50
Mon-Th: 4:30, 6:50

Everyone's Hero

Fri: 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 (G)
Sat: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Sun: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
Mon-Th: 5:00, 7:00

The Covenant

Fri: 5:20, 7:20, 9:20 (PG-13)
Sat: 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20
Sun: 3:20, 5:20, 7:20
Mon-Th: 5:20, 7:20

Accepted

Fri: 7:30 (PG-13)
Sat: 3:30, 7:30
Sun: 3:30, 7:30
Mon-Th: 7:30

Talladega Nights

Fri: 5:10, 9:10 (PG-13)
Sat: 5:10, 9:10
Sun: 5:10
Mon-Th: 5:10

Invincible

Fri: 5:10, 7:10, 9:10 PG)
Sat: 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
Sun: 3:10, 5:10, 7:10
Mon-Th: 5:10, 7:10

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or your visual art to the
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E-mail all work to dwj5079@saintjoe.edu

Karma and the Cosmos

Divined by our own Auntie Cleo



Taurus (Apr 20-May 19)

Drama, drama, drama! Does your life resemble a character off the *OC*? Well, wake up; you are surrounded by corn fields, not shopping malls. Pop your huge head and come back to planet Earth.

Gemini (May 20-June 20)

Everyone knows you like to have a good time, and you *are* the life of the party. But how do your grades feel about this? It is time to take a break from the lime light and study for a change.

Cancer (Jun 21-Jul 21)

Your best pal is having a tough time and needs a friend to help them through a rut. It is time to put your social life on the back burner and spend some quality time with your pal. Your significant other will understand.

Leo (Jul 22-Aug 22)

The year has just begun, and you are already the center of gossip. Watch your back or you will become a victim to a false Puma Rumor. Remember to keep your friends close—but your enemies closer.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 21)

Life has thrown you a few curve balls lately; just pick them up and keep rolling. All of your current struggles are fading into positive energy. It is your time to shine, so celebrate your achievements.

Libra (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)

Love is in the air...or is it just a case of puppy love? Is that person who keeps calling and IMing you just chatting to be friends? Or are they looking for something more? Stop being so naive. Realize what is truly going on in your life.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)

Stop taking care of everyone else for a change and tend to your own needs. You are not your roomie's mommy and daddy, so stop trying to mend all their problems. Make some much needed you-time and have some fun.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 20)

Your life seems rather dull at the moment. Get off your bum and spice things up for a change. A little fun never hurts, so put on your dancing shoes and paint the campus red!

Capricorn (Dec 21-Jan 19)

Stop being so jealous; you are only bringing yourself down by worrying all the time. Your significant other loves you, not the person sitting next to them in Core. Plan a much needed romantic evening out.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 17)

You are not being too smart with your bank account. Has anyone ever told you the word, "balance?" Start doing it or you are going to be paying a lot of service fees. Getting a job on campus could also help with your spending habits.

Pisces (Feb 18-Mar 20)

It is time to step out of your shell. You have a great personality and could have many friends, but you don't talk. You have to learn to take initiative in conversation or you will never know anyone.

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19)

You are filled with energy, so put some of it to good use. Join a club and do something for the good of others for a change. Your whole life does not need to revolve around Core 11.